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FOR EA/PRCM

1. REFTEL REPORTED A COMPROMISE WHEREBY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD AGREE TO A USLO ESCORT WITH THE MAYORS DELEGATION AND IN ONE OTHER CITY ON THE ITINERARY, PREFERABLY THE NEXT ONE AFTER PEKING. REFTEL ALSO STATED THAT NCUSCR WOULD STILL WELCOME A USLO ESCORT FOR THE WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP.

2. THE MOST POLITE WAY WE CAN FIND TO PHRASE OUR REACTION TO THE COMPROMISE IS THAT WE DO NOT CARE FOR IT AND ARE NOT INTERESTED IN ASSIGNING AN OFFICER ON THAT BASIS. WE ARE, HOWEVER, MOST INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER THE COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF A USLO ESCORT WITH EITHER THE MAYORS (WE SUPPOSE IT HASN'T) OR PRCLO (WE TRUST IT HASN'T).

3. THE DELEGATION'S CURRENT PROBLEM IS, WE WOULD THINK, ANOTHER AND RATHER COGENT REASON FOR THERE BEING USG, INCLUDING USLO, PARTICIPATION IN THE VISIT NOT MARKEDLY LOWER THAN IN THE COMPARABLE, THOUGH ENTIRELY USG-MANAGED VISIT OF THE GOVERNORS DELEGATION LAST YEAR.

FYI, THE USLO ESCORT SHOULD IT BE DECIDED TO ATTACH ONE, POLCOUNS BROOKS, WILL NOT FOR THE TIME BEING SCHEDULE OTHER TRAVEL FOR THE PERIOD OF THE MAYORS VISIT.

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4. REGARDING A USLO ESCORT FOR THE WORLD AFFAIRS GROUP, WE EXPECT TO

SEND DEFINITE WORD NEXT WEEK, FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF DC THAYER.
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